

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to amend Senator Smith's amendment. On page 65, line 23, strike "one" and insert "ten".

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, the amendment at this point is on page 65, as the Clerk stated, in the amendment. And if you don't have it in front of you, I'll just tell you what it does. It talks about the license for pickle cards. And the...it's basically an increase in the license. Currently, in the state there are only, I think, nine manufacturers of pickle cards. Nine of them that sell in the state. Eight of those happen to be outside the state, one of them happens to reside in the state. What we do here is take I think it's a \$22 million industry, and we currently charge \$1,525 to be a manufacturer of pickle cards. So that means this industry that generates \$22 million in the state, we raise, with nine manufacturers, approximately, \$10,000. What I would do with the license fee is increase it just about ten-fold, and take that license fee from 1,525 up to \$10,525, strictly on the basis that these individuals are in a very, what I would consider to be a very, lucrative business. They have an operation that has no competition from the state in that we have abdicated our authority with regard to lotteries, whether it be ticket lotteries or video lotteries, we have abdicated that to the locals or to charities, through bingo and pickle. And what I would like to do, through this amendment, is raise some additional revenue from those licensing fees, that, true, would flow into the Department of Revenue Charitable Gaming Division, at least a percentage of that. But it would help offset the costs that we incur at the state level, and those costs go toward enforcement and regulation of these types of operations. It does nothing more than say, if you want to sell or manufacture pickles and sell them, distribute them in the State of Nebraska, the costs for a license to do that is going to be \$10,525. It would raise approximately \$100,000 on a 22 plus million dollar business in this state. I would urge adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Discussion on the amendment. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Hall, I'm real